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Minutes of the

Delaware Harness Racing Commission Meeting

PUBLIC SESSION

October 10, 2017 at 10:00 AM

Delaware Department of Agriculture- Conference Room

Commission Members Present

Patt Wagner	Vice Chairman
George Staats	Commissioner
Jack Berberian	Commissioner
Stephanie Liguori	Commissioner

Others Present

DHRC Executive Director Mark Davis, Secretary of Agriculture Michael Scuse, Dover Downs Sr. Director of Racing John Hensley, Harrington Raceway General Manager Jim Boese, Harrington Raceway Asst. GM Matt Sparacino, DSOA Executive Director Sal DiMario, DSBF Executive Administrator Judy Davis-Wilson, HRI Facilities Manager Karen Craft and Joe Strug from Dalare Labs.

DHRC staff members: Dan Kazmaier & Lauren Torres

Beth Steele was not able to attend this meeting; Vice Chairman Patt Wagner chaired the meeting.

Minutes: Donna Krol

CALL TO ORDER:

At 10:10 a.m. Vice Chairman Wagner called the public session of the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

Immediately following the "Call to Order," the DHRC Commission dismissed to Executive Session. The Commission returned to Public Session after the Executive Session was complete.

Executive Session:

See Executive Session minutes.

Return to Public Session:

At 10:45 a.m. Vice Chairman Wagner called the public session of the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Public minutes from the September 12, 2017 Commission Meeting were reviewed. Vice Chairman Wagner entertained a motion to approve the public minutes. Motion was made by Commissioner Staats and seconded by Commissioner Liguori. Motion passed with unanimous voice vote.

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OLD BUSINESS:

RULES MEETING RESCHEDULED FROM 9-18-17 TO 10-2-17

NEW BUSINESS:

- Employee List for the Dover Downs 2017-2018 meet was reviewed. This list contains both DHRC and Dr. Jay Baldwin - First State Equine employees. Vice Chairman Wagner entertained a motion to accept the employee listing as submitted. Motion was made by Commissioner Berberian and seconded by Commissioner Staats. Motion passed with unanimous voice vote.
- Pre Meet Inspection for Dover Downs was scheduled for October 16, 2017 at 10:00am. Commissioner Staats and Commissioner Liguori will attend.

Reports: Executive Director, Racing Officials, Veterinarian:

Executive Director: Activity Summary Report

Mark Davis reviewed the Activity Summary Report's provided to the Commission. Report covers the time period of September 1st through September 30th, 2017.

Racing statistics: June

Total # of Live Racing Days = 16

Total # Live Races = 190

Average # Races per Day = 12

Total # of Starters = 1,464

Delaware Owned/Trained purse retention: Average = 77.2 %

*Delaware Owned now includes horses that are full/partially owned or trained by Delaware residents.

License statistics:

Total # licenses issued =18

Total Monthly = \$1,975.00/YTD Total = \$80,320.00.

(Total Monthly figures include Licenses, Fingerprints, Appeals and Fines).

Personnel Activities:

First day of racing on Monday August 28, 2017.

Meetings/Events attended by Mark Davis:

Commission Meeting on 8-8-17.

Associate Veterinarian interviews on 8-17-17.

Michael Cole meeting 8-28-17.

Racing Official Report - Presiding Judge:

Reported by: Dan Kazmaier

Total # of Rulings: 0

Total fine amount: \$0.00

Post-Race Positive Test: None

Positive Pre Race Blood Gas Test: None

Racing Official Report - Chief Investigator:

Reported by: Lauren Torres

Total # Human Drug Tests = 4

Positive result: None

Total # Breathalyzer tests = 134, average 44/day, Positive result – None

Total # Truck & Trailer Searches completed = 10, no violations/seizures

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Racing Official Report - Veterinarian:

Reported by: Mark Davis

Total # of starters = 612

Post- Race Testing:

32 Blood samples were collected.

28 Urine samples

4 incomplete collections (no urine)

Catch Rate = 87.3%, average time per catch was 31.0 minutes

Judge's Special Tests: 0

Horse Euthanized On/Off Track: None

Accident On/Off Track: Date 8-30-17, Horse: One Special Pop fell in first race. Horse sustained laceration on right stifle and abrasions to both knees. Horse returned to paddock stall and was placed on the 10 day list-injured; trainer Kerry King. Driver Brandon Henley was transported to hospital, suffered minor injuries and was released that evening.

0 A-Fib, 0 Breakdown, 0 sick

OUT OF COMPETITION TESTING:

None

FREEDOM of INFORMATION ACT, Requests:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

CLOSE OF PUBLIC MEETING:

With no further public business to discuss, Chairman Steele made a motion to adjourn the public session.

Motion was carried by Vice Chairman Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Staats.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Next Regular Commission Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at 10:00 AM

Next Rules Committee Meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 2, 2017 at 10:00 AM

Next DSBF Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 2, 2017 at 1:00 PM